

Earth Day Environmentalist of the Year Awards

Background

Earth Day Rhode Island has been giving Environmentalist of the Year Awards since 2000. These awards recognize individuals, groups, businesses and/or corporations each year who have gone beyond the call of duty in protecting and preserving Rhode Island's natural environment.

Selection Process and Criteria

A selection committee composed of members of Earth Day Rhode Island will assess nominations. Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- Promotion of innovative ideas, techniques and/or technologies
- Degree and length of involvement in environmental activity
- Accomplishment of stated goals
- Promoting public awareness
- Positive impact on public health, or environmental awareness, and long-term environmental benefits
- Collaboration with others

Schedule

- Send out call for nominations via press releases and email (late December and again in mid January)
- Deadline for nominations is mid March (in order to get plaques made)
- Announce winners at Earth Day (April)
- Present awards during Sponsor Recognition & Awards Breakfast (May)

Nomination forms

Please complete the enclosed Nomination Form. Your responses to the questions will help ensure that your nominee fulfills the criteria established by Earth Day Rhode Island. Please also include letters of endorsement from project partners and any other supporting material that will help the selection committee make a decision. Send completed forms and other materials to:

Earth Day RI
c/o RIDEM
235 Promenade St., Suite 330
Providence, RI 02908
Attn: Melinda Hopkins

Earth Day Environmentalist of the Year Awards Nomination Form

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- ☛ Do you know someone who has worked hard to protect, preserve or enhance the environment?
 - ☛ Has a business or organization shown leadership in reducing their impact on the environment?
 - ☛ Does a local youth or school group deserve special recognition for their environmental efforts?

Show your appreciation by submitting a nomination for the Earth Day Rhode Island Environmentalist of the Year Award.

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Nominee Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Program/Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Type:  
Individual \_\_\_\_\_  
Corporate/Business \_\_\_\_\_  
Group \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions:

- 1a) What did the nominee do to qualify for the Environmentalist of the Year Award?
- 1b) How long has the nominee been involved with this action or activity or others of an environmental nature?
- 1c) Describe the nominee's role in this action or activity?
- 2) What ecological/biological/environmental problem did this action address? What was the geographic area involved?

3) What is new or unique about the nominee's environmental action or activity?

4a) What were the nominee's goals (i.e. what did the nominee want to achieve with this action or activity)?

4b) Was there a quantifiable element to the activity? (i.e. number of acres preserved, number of students taught, etc.)

4c) List the outcome for each goal in 4a.

5) Describe how this action or activity raised public awareness of the importance of protecting and preserving Rhode Island's natural environment.

6) What long-term impact will this action or activity have on public health, the environment or environmental awareness?

7) Who collaborated on this action or activity and what roles did they play?

Please include letters of endorsement, and other supporting materials. These materials play an important role in helping to assess the strength of your nomination. Please be advised that materials become the property of Earth Day RI and will not be returned. Submissions must be clearly printed/typed to be considered. Illegible submissions could disqualify a worthy recipient.

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_